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SUBJ: CONTRACTS COMMITTEE FORMED FOR GURI EXPANSION
PROJECT

1. A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED AND MET FOR THE FIRST TIME TO ADVISE ELECTRIFICACION DEL CARONI C.A. (EDELCA), A SUBSIDIARY OF THE GUAYANA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CVG), IN MATTERS OF CONTRACTING THE WORK FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE GURI DAM.
2. THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF NINE MEMBERS FROM GOVERNMENTAL, PRIVATE BANKING, FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION CIRCLES AND WILL ADVISE EDELCA ON THE SELECTION OF COMPANIES TO BE INVITED TO BID, STUDY THEIR PROPOSALS AND RECOMMEND THOSE WHOSE OFFERS APPEAR THE MOST CONVENIENT TO THE NATION.
3. THE FINAL STAGE OF THE GURI DAM CONSISTS OF ITS HEIGHTENING FROM 110 TO 160 METERS, ITS LENGTHENING TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASING RESERVOIR AND THE ADDITIONAL TURBINE HOUSE FOR TURBINES 10 TO 20. THE RESERVOIR WILL INCREASE FROM 800 SQUARE KILOMETERS TO 4.200 SQUARE KILOMETERS IN SIZE. POWER GENERATION BY THE HEIGHTENED DAM WILL COMMENCE BY 1980, WHEN MOST OF THE CIVIL WORKS WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, WITH MORE TURBINES TO BE INSTALLED GRADUALLY UNTIL THE FINAL PHASE IS COMPLETED BY 1988 WITH A TOTAL GENERATING CAPACITY OF 9 MILLION KW. TOTAL COST IS ESTIMATED TO BE BS. 7 BILLION.

4. THE INTENTIONS OF EDELCA REGARDING THE CIVIL WORKS CONTRACTS
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ARE NOT YET CLEAR. HOWEVER, CONTACTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION

INDUSTRY FEEL THAT THERE ARE COMPANIES IN VENEZUELA
CAPABLE OF EXECUTING THE PROJECT, PROVIDED THEY OBTAIN
ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE FROM ABROAD. THE MOST LIKELY
SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL THEREFORE PROBABLY BE CONSORTIA
OF VENEZUELAN AND FOREIGN FIRMS. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE
COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND EXCLUSIVELY DOMESTIC
PARTICIPATION.
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